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SECRET TEA PARTY

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UM, WELL... I GUESS I'LL START.
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FUFU. PLEASE, HELP YOURSELF.
UUGH... I'M SO NERVOUS.
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SECRET TEA PARTY

TEN MINUTES PRIOR
DING DONG

WHY HASN'T VIVIO-SAN COME BACK YET?

I CAME BECAUSE VIVIO-SAN INVITED ME TO GO RUNNING WITH HER TONIGHT... IS SHE HERE?
PARDON ME FOR COMING SO LATE IN THE EVENING

OH? EINHART-SAN, WELCOME
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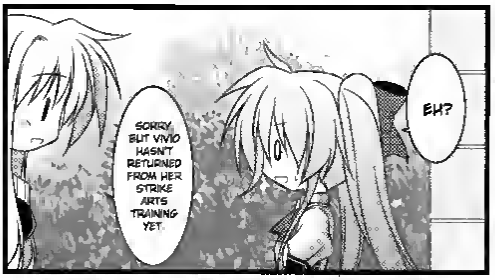
EH?
SORRY BUT VIVIO HASN'T RETURNED FROM HER STRIKE ARTS TRAINING YET.

IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
SURE
WAIT. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT MUCH TIME, SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT INSIDE THE HOUSE?
PLEASE EXCUSE ME! I'LL COME BACK LATER.
YES, I'M FINE.
EINHART-SAN, CAN YOU DRINK COFFEE?
AND THAT'S HOW WE ARRIVE TO NOW
THIS WOMAN IS FATE T. HARLAOWN-SAN.
THANK GOODNESS. BOTH NANOHA AND VIVIO ARE PARTIAL TO TEA, SO I CAN'T DRINK IT OFTEN

ACCORDING TO VIVIO-SAN, THIS IS HER OTHER MOTHER (TO BE MORE PRECISE, SHE SEEMS TO BE TAKAMACHI NANOHA-SAN'S FRIEND). DESPITE THE GENTLE AURA AROUND HER, SHE'S APPARENTLY VERY STRONG.
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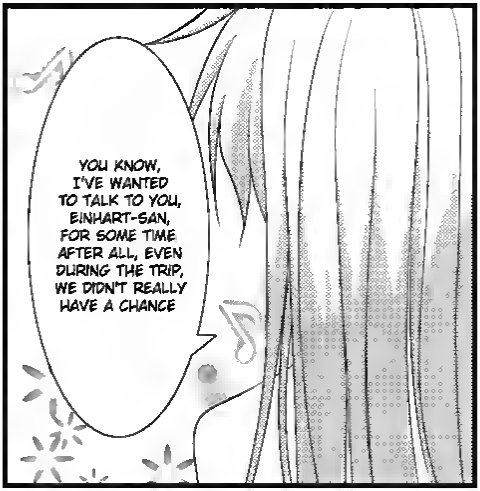
YES! I'M REALLY HAPPY WE GOT A CHANCE TO TALK TOO.


YOU KNOW, I'VE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, EINHART-SAN, FOR SOME TIME AFTER ALL, EVEN DURING THE TRIP, WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A CHANCE

WELL, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD JUST GET RIGHT TO IT AND ASK...
AH. THIS IS REALLY GOOD. IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE INSTANT COFFEE I DRINK AT HOME

I'VE REALLY WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT IT- THEY SAY YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER AT SCHOOL
!?
KYA!
HOW FAR HAVE YOU AND VIVIO GOTTEN?
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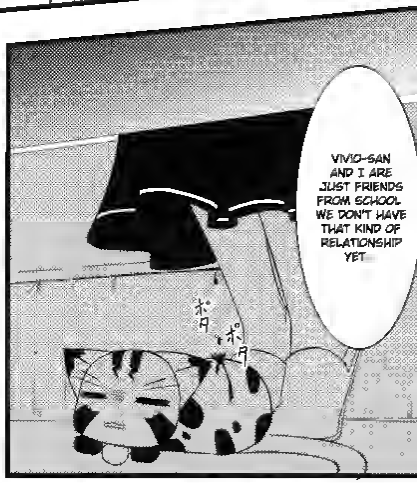
OH? THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT. SINCE EVERY TIME I'M HOME ALL SHE TALKS ABOUT IS EINHART-SAN, I WAS SURE OF IT


VIVIO-SAN AND I ARE JUST FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP YET
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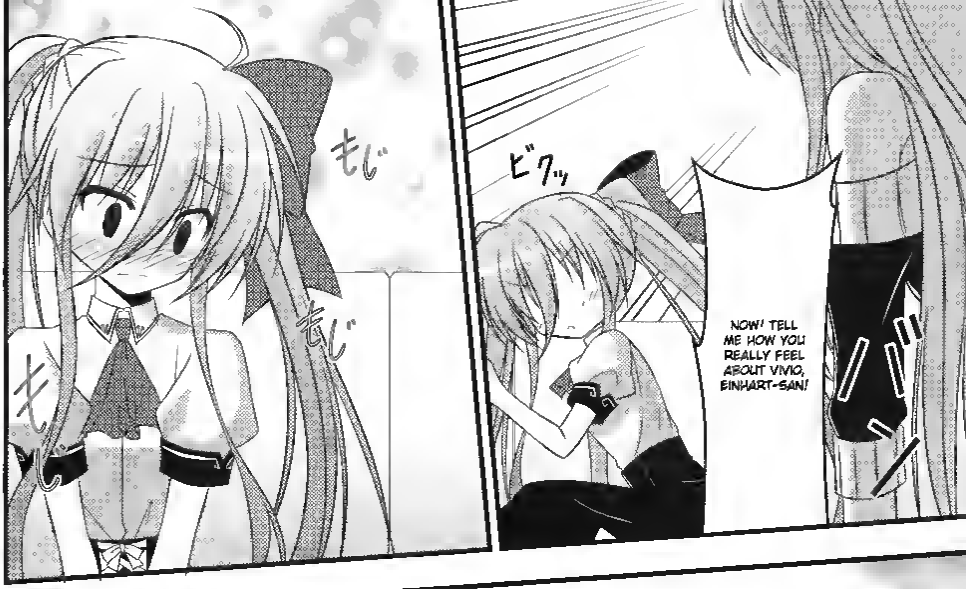
KIDS SHOULDN'T BE DOING TH-THOSE KINDS OF THINGS!
OR COULD IT BE!? YOU TWO HAVE PROGRESSED TO AN EVEN DEEPER RELATIONSHIP?
*BECAUSE THIS IS AN ALL-AGES WORK, A MOSAIC HAS BEEN APPLIED

I DON'T REALLY THINK SO
EVEN IF WHAT YOU SAID WAS TRUE, THAT'S... WOULDN'T IT BE A BOTHER FOR VIVIO-SAN, IF SHE WAS LIKED BY ANOTHER GIRL?
SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE, SHE'S BEEN LIVING WITH NANOHA AND I IN A HOUSE FULL OF WOMEN, SO I'M SURE SHE'D BE FINE.
AMAZING POWERS OF PERSUASION.
AND I REALLY THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE IF YOU AND VIVIO COULD HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP TOO.
SCARY!!
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IF SHE GROWS UP AND STARTS FRATERNIZING WITH UNKNOWN MEN, I JUST... CAN'T... YOU KNOW?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NOW! TELL ME HOW YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT VIVIO, EINHART-SAN!

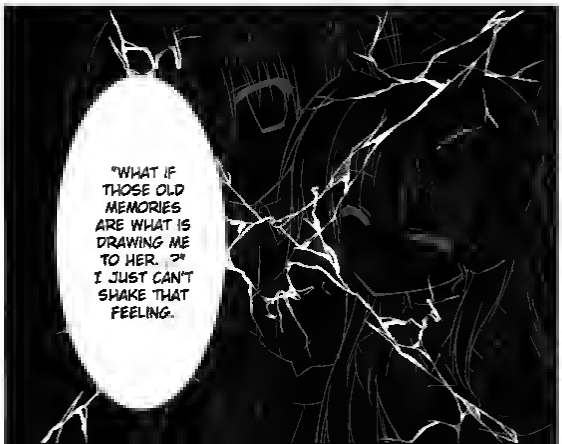
...I LOVE HER.

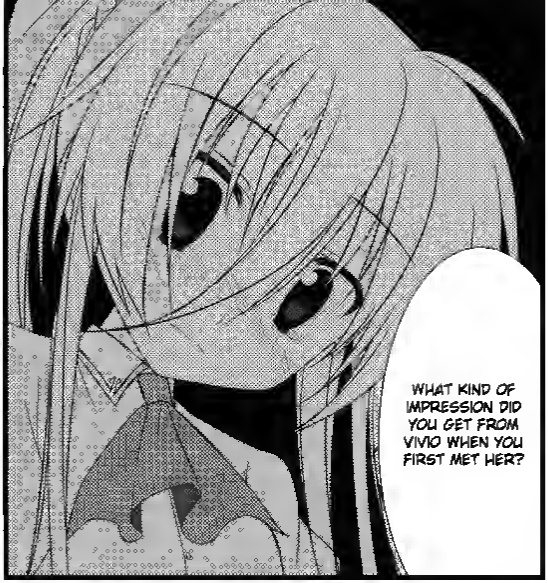
I THINK FATE-SAN IS AWARE OF IT AS WELL, BUT
BUT...
I... DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN THOSE FEELINGS.

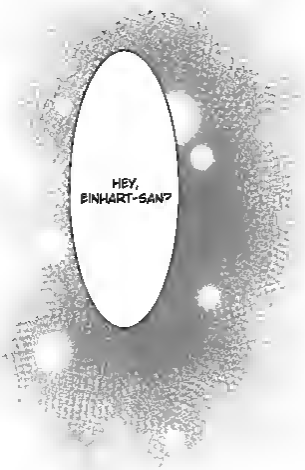
INGVALT'S MEMORIES STILL LINGER
INSIDE OF ME, THE HEGEMON...

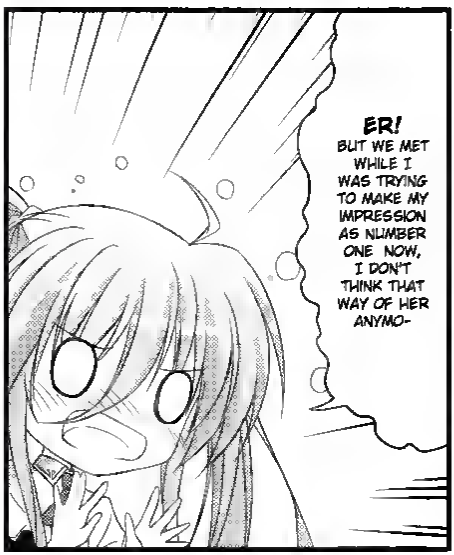
THAT'S WHY, EVEN AS I GET CLOSER TO VIVIO-SAN NOW

AND AMONG THEM, THE MEMORIES OF HIS ADORATION FOR VIVIO-SAN'S ANCESTOR, OLIVIE SAGEBRECHT...


"WHAT IF THOSE OLD MEMORIES ARE WHAT IS DRAWING ME TO HER...?" I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THAT FEELING.


WHAT KIND OF IMPRESSION DID YOU GET FROM VIVIO WHEN YOU FIRST MET HER?


HEY, EINHART-SAN?


ER! BUT WE MET WHILE I WAS TRYING TO MAKE MY IMPRESSION AS NUMBER ONE NOW, I DON'T THINK THAT WAY OF HER ANYMO-

UM, HER FEATURES MATCHED THOSE OF MY MEMORY, BUT THAT WAS ALL. I WONDERED HOW SUCH A SOFT, WEAK PERSON COULD BE THE SAINT KAISER I KNEW....

AH!

SEE, IT'S ALL RIGHT, ISN'T IT? THE ONE YOU LIKE ISN'T THE SAINT KAISER FROM THE PAST, IT'S THE CURRENT VIVIO.

AND I'M SURE IT'S ALL THE ENCOUNTERS YOU HAD AFTER THAT THAT LED THE CURRENT YOU TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER.

AND EVEN IF THOSE OLD MEMORIES DID HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY REASON TO BE THAT PESSIMISTIC ABOUT IT.

THAT THEY TRANSCENDED TIME IN ORDER TO START A NEW LOVE
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S JUST WONDERFUL?

THOSE FEELINGS YOU HAVE NOW ARE GENUINE.
THAT'S WHY...

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SO YOU SHOULD BE HONEST WITH THOSE FEELINGS.
ALRIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SO GOOD LUCK WITH THIS TOO!
*ALL AGES, ETC.
YOU'RE SPOILING THE CONVERSATION A BIT.
DING DONG!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE BACK.

FATE-MAMA~, I'M HOME~!
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WE'RE BACK~ SORRY WE'RE SO LATE.
NYA HA HA
WELCOME BACK TO YOU TOO, NANOHA.
HUH!? EINHART-SAN, YOU'RE STILL HERE!?
...
OH? WHAT DID YOU TWO TALK ABOUT?
NO, IT'S FINE. I JUST TALKED WITH FATE-SAN.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT

FATE-SAN,
I'LL GIVE IT
MY BEST!

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教訓　・人間頑張れば３週間で１冊描ける

- 普段本気を出さないやつがここぞの時に本気が出せるわけ無い

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